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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT : Disarmament Staff Meeting

1. The following emerged from the Disarmament Staff Meeting held by [] on Thursday afternoon:

Governor Stassen will stay in his present position until January, at which time it is expected that a decision will be made concerning the recommendations he has made for U.S. policy in disarmament. The Governor intends to let it appear that he may run for Governor of Pennsylvania in order that he will not be caught unprepared in the case of an unfavorable decision. In the meantime, he will do a certain amount of work with the President on matters not related to disarmament.

2. Those of us on the Staff representing Departments and Agencies have been asked to prepare histories of the position of our own agencies with respect to various matters concerning disarmament since the beginning of Stassen's operations in early 1955. [] has asked that I have a first draft ready for his review no later than 15 December.

3. [] reported a number of comments made to him [] in the course of various conversations in New York. When asked about control on a nuclear tests suspension, [] the Soviet Union was willing to have control any way that the other countries involved wanted. He thought that it would be acceptable to have instruments on airplanes flying on fixed routes in the Soviet Union. On another occasion [] said that the Soviet Union would "never" return to negotiations in Subcommittee as presently constituted. He immediately changed his statement to say "not for a year" instead of "never."

4. The Kuznetsov speech, in which he made the tough statement about not participating in the Subcommittee, was apparently made to influence the votes of the smaller countries in the middle, and was made only after the Secretary had turned down Soviet overtures for a compromise concerning enlargement of the Subcommittee.

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